



Proclamation

In Recognition of

The 50th Anniversary of Ko'olau Baptist Church

WHEREAS, Ko'olau Baptist Church was established by the gathering of a small, devoted cluster of Christians, led by Pastor Max Helton and his wife, Jean (1965-1971), a young missionary couple who arrived in Hawai'i from Baptist International Missions; and

WHEREAS, Ko'olau Baptist Church is an independent Baptist Church with several ministries, a Vacation Bible School and annual events, such as family camp, Mother's Day dinner, Father's Day softball game and cookouts, where members can enjoy comradery and nurture their friendships with each other; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, under Pastor James Warren (1972-1976), the church founded Windward Christian School with an inaugural student body of 30 children, and under the guidance of Pastor David Marcum (1976-1980) added additional classrooms for both regular and Sunday school classes, along with a name change to Ko'olau Baptist Academy; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alan Anger came to Ko'olau Baptist Church in 1980 and began the shift to becoming a self-supporting, independent Baptist church, received a school license from the State of Hawai'i for Ko'olau Baptist Academy in 1984 and implemented the "Bus Ministry" to bring in hundreds of adults and children from all over O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 2004, Pastor Thomas Bowlin guided the church through a period of construction, including a new church/school office and high school building; the school joined the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS), and in 1991 Pastor Bowlin helped found the AACCS-Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Skip Woodfin currently serves as Senior Pastor to the church leading and counseling the congregation, overseeing ministries and events, and hosting religious conferences;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 5 – 12, 2015 as

"KO'OLAU BAPTIST CHURCH WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Ko'olau Baptist Church and extend our warmest wishes for its continued service and success.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this second day of April 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i